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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, RSM/CIS

SUBJECT: Transportation Overlays of China - CIA/RR-CH-157

REFERENCE: K-4956

1. Transmitted herewith is one set of World Aeronautical Charts with accompanying overlays as requested in your memorandum of 29 May 1957.

2. One set of overlays outlines, in blue, the principal navigable rivers and canals of the study area and a corridor twenty nautical miles in width along each. Waterways shown are limited to those rivers and canals or sections thereof that are navigable by river junks and launches of 3-foot draft. Information shown concerning navigable waterways is probably generally accurate, although sources disagree in some instances concerning the head of navigation for river junks and launches. The overlays may not reflect all recent Chinese Communist improvements in the waterways system.

3. The second set of overlays outlines, in red, railroads and principal roads of the study area and a corridor twenty nautical miles in width along each. There is considerable disagreement among sources as to what constitutes a "principal road" in China. For purposes of their selection for the accompanying overlays, chief reliance was placed on the SIS, [REDACTED] supplemented by Chinese Communist maps and atlases dated 1955-56. Principal roads shown include mainly all-weather roads, but some may be limited-all-weather or possibly seasonal roads. All railroads except minor forestry and mining lines are shown on the overlays, and the railroad information is considered to be accurate and current.

4. The only available airway maps of China are small-scale schematic maps showing straight line connections between terminals. Since they do not depict actual flight lines, no attempt has been made to show airlines on the accompanying overlays.

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5. Individual overlays being transmitted herewith are unclassified. The overall transmittal is classified SECRET in view of the classification of your request and your indication of the urgent operational need for this material.

FOR THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND REPORTS

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Chief, Geography Division

Enclosures:

11 WAC's
50 Overlays

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